IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 14-17, cancel claim 3 and enter the amendments to claims 1 and 8 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A hook-ended steel wire netting comprises:

a first cross rail having a row of first sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

a second cross rail having a row of second sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

one or more longitudinal steel wires extending in a straight line between said first and second cross rails, both ends of ~~which~~each of said longitudinal steel wires are hooks, a first end hook of each said steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of one of said cross rails and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the first sockets at the outer portion of said first cross rail, a second end hook of each said steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of one of said cross rails and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the second sockets at the outer portion of said second rail, said first end hook and said second end hook remaining free of contact with an inner ~~portion~~sidewall of said first and second cross rails;

a first longitudinal rail with both ends separately secured to the first end of the first cross rail and the first end of the second cross rail;

a second longitudinal rail with both ends separately secured to the

second end of the first cross rail and the second end of the second cross rail; and

wherein the first longitudinal rail and the second longitudinal rail tense the steel wires to form a steel wire netting.

2. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 1, wherein the first and second cross rails have circular, square or other suitable cross-sections.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 1, wherein the end hooks of the longitudinal steel wires are formed by curving the end portions of the steel wires through 180 degrees, and the curved portion between the hook and the straight portion of the steel wire matches the shape of the outer portion of the cross rails.

5. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 1, wherein the first and second longitudinal rails have circular, square or other suitable cross-sections.

6. (Withdrawn) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 1, wherein the first cross rail is an L-shaped rail, of which the shorter

portion is regarded as the first longitudinal rail, and the second cross rail is an L-shaped rail, of which the shorter portion is regarded as the second longitudinal rail, the two L-shaped rails are connected to form a frame.

7. (Withdrawn) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 1, wherein the first cross rail is a U-shaped rail, the two parallel portions of which are regarded as the first longitudinal rail and the second longitudinal rail, and the second cross rail is a straight rail and is secured to the two ends of the U-shaped rail to form a frame.

8. (Currently Amended) A hook-ended steel wire netting comprises:

a first cross rail having a row of first sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

a second cross rail having a row of second sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

one or more longitudinal steel wires extending in a straight line between said first and second cross rails, both ends of ~~which~~each of said longitudinal steel wires are hooks-, a first end hook of each longitudinal steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of a cross rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the first sockets at the outer portion of the first cross rail, a second end hook of each longitudinal steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion

of a cross rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the second sockets at the outer portion of the second cross rail;

a first longitudinal rail having a row of third sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

a second longitudinal rail having a row of fourth sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

one or more cross steel wires, both ends of which are hooks-, a first end hook of each cross steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of a longitudinal rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the third sockets at the outer portion of the first longitudinal rail, a second end hook of each cross steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of a longitudinal rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the fourth sockets at the outer portion of the second longitudinal rail; and

two ends of the first longitudinal rail are secured to the first end of the first cross rail and the first end of the second cross rail separately, two ends of the second longitudinal rail are secured to the second end of the first cross rail and the second end of the second cross rail separately;

the first longitudinal rail and the second longitudinal rail tense the steel wires to form a steel wires netting top.

9. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 8, wherein the cross and longitudinal steel wires are connected or partly connected to each other at points where they intersect to form a net.

10. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 8, wherein the end hooks of the longitudinal steel wires are formed by curving the end portions of steel wires through 180 degrees, and the curved portion between the hook and the straight portion of the steel wire matches the shape of the outer portion of the cross rails.

11. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 8, wherein the end hooks of the cross steel wires are formed by curving the end portions of steel wires through 180 degrees, and the curved portion between the hook and the straight portion of the steel wire matches the shape of the outer portion of the longitudinal rails.

12 (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 8, wherein the first and second longitudinal rails have circular, square or other suitable cross-sections.

13. (Previously Presented) The hook-ended steel wire netting as recited in claim 8, wherein the first and second cross rails have circular, square or other suitable cross-sections.

14. (New) The hook-ended steel wire netting of claim 1 wherein each of said longitudinal steel wires is a unitary, integrally formed wire extending between said first and second cross rails.

15. (New) The hook-ended steel wire netting of claim 1 wherein an axis of each of said first and second sockets is parallel to a longitudinal axis of said longitudinal steel wires.

16. (New) The hook-ended steel wire netting of claim 1 further including one or more cross steel wires, both ends of which are hooks, wherein said first longitudinal rail includes a top portion having a row of third sockets in a line along an axial direction, and said second longitudinal rail includes a top portion having a row of fourth sockets in a line along an axial direction, each of said third and fourth sockets constructed and arranged for receiving a first end hook and a second end hook of one of said cross steel wires, respectively.

17. (New) A hook-ended steel wire netting comprises:

a first cross rail having a row of first sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

a second cross rail having a row of second sockets on its outer portion in a line along an axial direction;

one or more longitudinal steel wires, each of said steel wires being unitary and integrally formed and extending in a straight line between said first and second cross rails, both ends of each of said longitudinal steel wires being hooks, a first end hook of each said steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of one of said cross rails and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the first sockets at the outer portion of said first cross rail, a second end hook of each said steel wire encloses a part of the outer portion of one of said cross rails and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the second sockets at the outer portion of said second rail, an axis of each of said first and second sockets being parallel with a longitudinal axis of said longitudinal steel wires, said first end hook and said second end hook remaining free of contact with an inner sidewall of said first and second cross rails;

a first longitudinal rail including a top portion having a row of third sockets in a line along an axial direction, wherein both ends of said first longitudinal rail are separately secured to the first end of the first cross rail and the first end of the second cross rail;

a second longitudinal rail including a top portion having a row of

fourth sockets in a line along an axial direction, wherein both ends of said second longitudinal rail are separately secured to the second end of the first cross rail and the second end of the second cross rail;

one or more cross steel wires, both ends of which are hooks, a first end hook of each cross steel wire encloses a part of the top portion of the first longitudinal rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the third sockets at the top portion of the first longitudinal rail, a second end hook of each cross steel wire encloses a part of the top portion of the second longitudinal rail, and is secured by being directly inserted into one of the fourth sockets at the top portion of the second longitudinal rail; and

wherein the first longitudinal rail and the second longitudinal rail tense the steel wires to form a steel wire netting.